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Art Unit: 2853

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Sir:

In response to the office action dated June 16, 2003, for which a three extension of time is requested to extend the period for response to December 16, 2003, applicant is enclosing a request for continued examination (RCE). Also suspension of examination for a period of 3 months is requested. Applicant encloses the following fees:

RCE Fee: \$770

3 month Extension fee: \$950

Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) for temporary suspension: \$130

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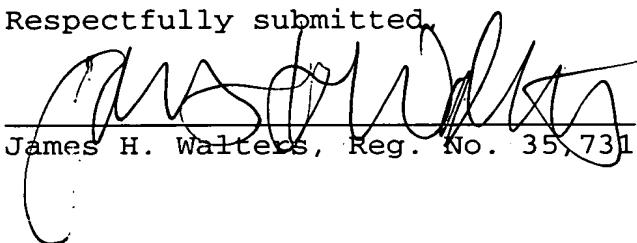


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entered is requested to be entered.

The Examiner is asked to contact applicant's attorney at
503-224-0115 if there are any questions.

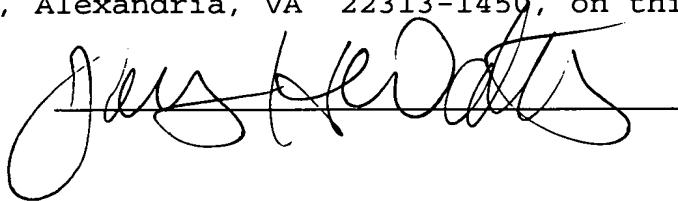
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to Jun 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such

a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- Other _____

b. Enclosed

- Amendment/Reply
- Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- Other COMMENTS

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of 3 months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. Other

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 12/23/2003 A0000040 09937858

- RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 01 FC:1801
- Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 02 FC:1460
- Other _____

b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

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